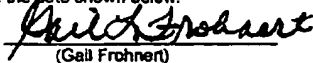


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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated August 10, 2006, for which a response was due on November 11, 2006. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one month(s) extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to December 11, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

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